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ACCORDING BELGIAN CHARGE, MEETING OF BELGIAN-BURUNDI MIXED COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS SEPT. 2 TO 6, PRODUCED FAVORABLE RESULTS. AID LEVEL OF ABOUT 120 MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS (ABOUT THREE MILLION DOLLARS) ANNUALLY WILL BE SOMEWHAT INCREASED, AND MAIN EMPHASIS WILL BE SHIFTED TO AGRICULTURE AND PUBLIC HEALTH. SPECIFICALLY, STUDY WILL BE STARTED ON HOW TO ADD AGRICULTURAL FACULTY, PERHAPS IN 1975, TO BUJUMBURA UNIVERSITY TO BE STAFFED BY BELGIAN PROFESSORS, WHILE AFTER PRESENT SCHOOL YEAR, BELGIAN WILL PHASE OUT SUPPORT OF LAW FACULTY. AMONG PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECTS WILL BE INAUGURATION OF FACILITY HERE FOR MANUFACTURE OF SOME PHARMACEUTICALS.

TOTAL BELGIAN TEACHING STAFF IN UNIVERSITY AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING WILL REMAIN AT 45 (WITH FRANCE, PROVIDING SECOND LARGEST BILATERAL AID PROGRAM FOR BURUNDI, MOVING CLOSE TO 45 THIS YEAR).
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